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Sir:

This Brief is submitted in support of the Appeal of the Examiner's final rejection of Claim 44 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on November 22, 2004 and received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 22, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$500.00 due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) for filing the brief, as well as any additional required fees, to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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CONCLUSION

Appellants have pointed out with specificity the manifest error in the Examiner's rejections, and the claim language that renders the invention patentable over the combination of Appellants, therefore, respectfully request that this case be remanded to the Examiner with instructions to issue a Notice of Allowance for the pending claim.

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